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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA BAHRAIN
TO SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC 4006

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THE FOL MSG IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFO:
QUOTE:
R 230624Z DEC 76
FM COMIDEASTFOR
TO CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON UK
AMEMB MANAMA BAHRAIN
NCSO BAHRAIN
DFQAO MIDEAST BAHRAIN
R 201222Z DEC 76
FM CHUSMTM DHAHRAN SAUDI ARABIA//J6/CDR 5TH SIG CMD DET (SA)//
TO CDR USACC FT HUCHUCA AZ//CC-OPS-PP//
INFO CDR 5TH SIG COMD WORMS GER//CCE-OPS-TS//
DA WASH DC//DAMO-TCS//
CDR USACSA FT MONMOUTH NJ//CCM-DC/CCM-TS//
COMIDEASTFOR
USCINCEUR//ECJ4/7/J6//

S E C R E T
SUBJ: USMTM/5TH SIG CMD DET (SA) COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT (U)
A. UR 102329Z DEC 76 (C)
B. UR 092313Z DEC 76 (S)
C. UR 240140Z NOV 76 (U)
D. CDR 5TH SIG CMD 270805Z OCT 76 (U)
E. CONF COMIDEASTFOR AND USMTM J6/CDR 5TH CMD DET (SA) 15 DEC 76
1. (U) THIS IS A JOINT USMTM/5TH SIG CMD DET (SA) MESSAGE.
2. (S) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS KEYED TO PAR 1. REF A:
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A. O&M OF NCSO COMMCEN IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING
ASSUMPTIONS:
-NCSO COMMCEN OPERATIONS WILL CLOSE 1 APR 77
AND NOT 1 JUNE AS STATED IN REF B. (COMIDEASTFOR COMMENT
REF E.)
LOCAL - CUSTOMER COMM SERVICE CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY NCSO

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IN BAHRAIN WILL BE TERMINATED IF COMMCEN OPERATIONS ARE TRANSFERRED TO ARMY. BAHRAIN AMERICAN EMBASSY WILL OPERATE THEIR OWN COMM FACILITY UPON DEPARTURE OF CO-MIDEASTFOR. DEFENSE FUEL QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICE-MIDDLE EAST COMM REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SUPPORTED BY EMBASSY AND/OR USMTM.

-COMM OPERATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO DCS AUTODIN AND AUTOVON ACCESS POINT FOR THE DCS ENTRY STATION IN DHAHRAN SA.

(1) SEVEN PERSONNEL REQUIRED. BASIS: TWO MEN PER SHIFT (12HOUR SHIFTS) AND ONE SUPERVISOR. MANNING: ONE (1) E-6 MOS 32H; SIX (6) E-5 MOS 32H.

(2) THERE ARE NO SPACES PROGRAMMED IN THE USMTM JMP FOR FY 77 OR 78. REFS C&D REQUEST MPR SPACE RE-SOURCES FOR 5TH SIG CMD DET (SA) BE INCREASED TO 43. HOWEVER, NONE OF THESE SPACES ARE ALLOCATED FOR OPERATION OF THE BAHRAIN COMMCEN.

(3) COST FOR MAINTAINING SEVEN PERMANENT PER-SONNEL IN BAHRAIN IS ESTIMATED AT $235K PER YEAR. COST WAS COMPUTED FROM AVERAGE COST FIGURES FOR MAIN-TAINING PERSONNEL IN SAUDI ARABIA WITH ADJUSTMENTS FOR DIFFERING HOLA/COLA IN BAHRAIN.

(4) NAVY WILL PROVIDE TRAINING AS REQUIRED.

(5) FUNDING FOR STATELLITE TRUNK IS NOT AVAILABLE THROUGH USMTM. USG FUNDING WILL BE REQUIRED.

(6) CHUSMTM/5TH CMD CANNOT NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY FOR THE FOLLOWING IN BAHRAIN:

(A) COMM FACILITY LEASING REQUIREMENTS

(B) APPROVAL FOR INTRODUCING ARMY PERSONNEL.

(C) PROVISION OF LEGAL STATUS AGREEMENTS BE-

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TWEEN BAHRAIN AND USG.

(D) PERSONNEL SUBSISTENCE AGREEMENTS FOR HOUSING, TRANSPORT, HEALTH, WELFARE, MORALE AS MY BE RE-QUIRED AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF COMIDEASTFOR.

(7) CAPABILITY FOR O&M BY USMTM/5TH SIG CMD IS ESTIMATED AT SIX WEEKS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING ASSUMPTIONS:

(A) NECESSARY HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENTS ARE NEGOTIATED AS NOTED IN PAR (6) ABOVE.

(B) NCSO COMMCEN EQUIPMENT IS TRANSFERRED TO ARMY. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN IS THE TRANSFER OF APPROX-IMATELY $20K OF TEST EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR CONTINUITY OF OPERATION.

(C) O&M PERSONNEL SPACES ARE IDENTIFIED IN PAR 2A. (1) ABOVE ARE FILLED. NOTE THAT USMTM/5TH SIG CMD DET (SA) CAN NOT FILL ANY OF THE SPACES WITH PRESENTLY AVAILABLE PERSONNEL.

(D) REQUIRED FUNDING (TRUNK LEASING, PERSONNEL AND SUPPORT COSTS, FACILITY LEASING) IS MADE AVAILABLE.

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(E) CURRENT SUPPORT AGREEMENT USMTM/5TH SIG CMD
IS EXTENDED TO INCLUDE BAHRAIN OPERATIONS.
B. O&M OF BAHRAIN FACILITY BY CONTRACTOR:
(1) COMIDEASTFOR CONSIDERS HIS DEPARTURE FROM
BAHRAIN SUCH A SENSITIVE SUBJECT THAT DISCUSSION OF THIS
ALTERNATIVE OUTSIDE OFFICIAL CHANNELS WOULD NOT BE IN THE
BEST INTERESTS OF USG. COMIDEASTFOR DOES NOT EXPECT A FIRM
DECISION FROM CON REGARDING OFFIICIAL NAVY POSITION UNTIL
END OF JAN 77. BASED ON THE ABOVE, NO CONTRACTOR ESTI-
MATES CAN BE OBTAINED AT THIS TIME.
(2) USMTM DOES NOT HAVE FMS FUNDING TO PAY FOR
CONTRACTOR OPERATIONS. NEW FMS CASE WOULD BE REQUIRED.
IT IS UNLIKELY THAT SAG WOULD APPROVE SUCH A
CASE SINCE DIRECT BENEFIT TO THEM OF SUCH AN OUT OF

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COUNTRY OPERATION WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN.
C. THREE OPTIONS WERE CONSIDERED FOR ALTERNATE
ROUTING OF TRUNK CIRCUITS FROM BAHRAIN SATELLITE EARTH
STATION TO DHAHRAN:
OPTION 1: LEASED COMMERCIAL CIRCUITS FROM DHAHRAN BY
LANDLINE TO DAMMAM THRU DAMMAM BAHRAIN COMMERCIAL MICRO-
WAVE TO THE EARTH STATION BAHRAIN.
OPTION 2: USG-OWNED MICROWAVE SYSTEM (MILITARY OR
COMMERCIAL) FROM DHAHRAN COMMCEN TO THE BAHRAIN EARTH
TERMINAL.
OPTION 3: USG-OWNED MICROWAVE SYSTEM (MILITARY OR
COMMERCIAL) FROM DHAHRAN COMMCEN TO DAMMAM PTT MDF TO
BAHRAIN EARTH STATION VIA COMMERCIAL LEASED LINES.
(1) FACTS BEARING ON THE ABOVE OPTIONS:
OPTION 1: DUE TO LIMITED LANDLINES FROM DHAHRAN TO
DAMMAM, CIRCUIT AVAILABILITY IS NON-EXISTENT.
OPTION 2: IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE SAG THAT
THEY SHOULD PAY FOR U.S. OUT-COUNTRY COMMUNICATIONS

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EQUIPMENT. WHILE WE EXPECT EVENTUALLY TO SUCCEED IN
THIS, IT IS MOST UNLIKELY TO BE DONE BEFORE APR 77.
USG WOULD THERFORE BE REQUIRED TO FUND HARDWARE COSTS AT LEAST
INITIALLY EVEN THOUGH US LAW CURRENTLY REQUIRES HOST COUNTRY
TO PROVIDE ALL SUPPORT FUNDING.
OPTION 3: SAME LIMITATIONS AS STATED IN OPTION 2
ABOVE. IN ADDITION USMTM WOULD REQUIRE FACILITIES IN
DAMMAM TO ESTABLISH TERMINAL POINT AND COMMERCIAL LEASING
OF LINES AND CIRCUITS FROM TERMINAL FACILITY TO THE
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PTT MDF AND TO THE BAHRAIN EARTH STATION.
(2) RECOMMENDATIONS ON ABOVE OPTIONS:
OPTION 1: NOT CONSIDERED FEASIBLE. COMMERCIAL PTT
CIRCUITS TO SUPPORT THIS OPTION DEPEND ON UPGRADE OF
EXISTING LANDLINES BY SAG PTT. THE ESTIMATED AVAILABIL-
ITY OF LANDLINE UPGRADE AND CIRCUITS IS 18 MONTHS MINIMUM.
OPTION 2: CONSIDERED THE BEST FOR IMMEDIATELY SAT-
ISFYING THIS ALTERNATIVE. MICROWAVE SYSTEM WITH MINIMUM
CHANNEL CAPACITY COULD BE INSTALLED WITH MINUMAL EQUIP-
MENTS COSTS. HOWEVER, EXCEPTION TO CURRENT USG POLICY FOR
FUNDING MISSION ACTIVITIES WOULD BE REQUIRED.
OPTION 3: NOT CONSIDERED FEASIBLE DUE TO TIME
CONSTRAINTS. BASED ON USACC CONCEPT PLAN FOR COMM IM-
PROVEMENT FOR SAUDI ARABIAN ARMED FORCES (OCT 76)
IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ALTERNATIVE WOULD REQUIRE 33
MONTHS FROM DATE OF SAUDI ARABIAN ACCEPTANCE OF PLAN.
D. REROUTE PRESENT TRUNK FROM BAHRAIN TO RIYADH.
(1) OPERATING THE MODE II FACILITY AT RIYADH IS
NOT CONSIDERED PRACTICAL FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:
(A) USMTM HQ IS LOCATED AT DHAHRAN AND IS
THE PRIMARY USER OF THIS FACILITY.
(B) THE SINGLE SECURE FDX RADIO LINK BETWEEN
DHAHRAN AND RIYADH IS NOT ADEQUATE TO HANDLE TRAFFIC RE-
QUIREMENTS FROM HQ USMTM AND SUPPORTED ELEMENTS (DET22,
COE, MED FAC, MAC, APO, PX, COMMISSARY) ALL OF WHICH HAVE
HEADQUARTERS IN DHAHRAN OR AL KHOBAR.
(2) USMTM HAS NO FMS FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THIS ALTER-
NATIVE.
(3) CURRENT RIYADH FACILITIES WOULD NOT ACCOMO-
DATE THE MODE II OPERATION. A NEW FACILITY WOULD BE RE-
QUIRED TO HOUSE THE KW-26 EQUIPMENT. THIS FACILITY WOULD
REQUIRE EXTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SAG FOR FUNDING AND
CONSTRUCTION AND COULD NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED TO MEET THE
1. APRIL DATE.
3. (C) COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.
A. TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY FOR CURRENT MODE II OPERA-
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TIONS, RECOMMEND THAT ARMY PERSONNEL ASSUME OPERATION OF
BAHRAIN COMM FACILITY. AS STATED ABOVE, TO ASSUME THIS
ADDITIONAL MISSION THE 5TH SIG CMD DET (SA) WOULD REQUIRE
PERSONNEL AUGMENTATION. AS AN INTERIM MEASURE, PERSONNEL
COULD BE SENT TDY. HOWEVER, TDY COSTS OF $110 PER DAY
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BEFORE FORMALIZATION OF THE FINAL
MANNING SCHEME. NOT THAT TO OPERATED A SEVEN MAN FACILITY
IN BAHRAIN FOR ONE YEAR IF TDY IS USED EXCLUSIVELY WOULD
ADD APPROXIMATELY $282K TO REQUIRED FUNDING. RECOMMEND
THAT PERSONNEL ULTIMATELY BE ASSIGNED WITH PERMANENT DUTY
STATION IN BAHRAIN.
B. THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVES ARE SUGGESTED IN THE
PRIORITY LISTED:
(4) STATE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL OPERATE A
BAHRAIN COMM FACILITY.
(3) STATE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT TO HAVE BAHRAIN
COMM FACILITY OPERATED.
(1) INSTALLATION OF A TRANSPORTABLE EARTH SATELLITE
TERMINAL AT DHAHRAN FOR DIRECT ACESS TO INTELSAT.
(2) OPERATION OF A USG TRANSPORTABLE TROPO
SYSTEM FROM DHAHRAN COMMCENTER TO RIYADH EARTH TER-
MINAL.
(5) STATE DEPARTMENT IN SAUDI ARABIA (AMERICAN
CONSULANT) ASSUME COMM RESPONSIBILITY FOR DCS ENTRY AT DHAHRAN
USING STATE DEPT FACILITIES.
(6) ESTABLISHMENT OF AN HF FDX RADIO SYSTEM TO
ATHENS FROM DHAHRAN.
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